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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Junnan XI

Group Art Unit: 2837

Application No.: 10/811,970

Examiner: R. Duda

Filed: March 30, 2004

Docket No.: 113940.01

For: PRE-DRIVE CIRCUIT FOR BRUSHLESS DC SINGLE-PHASE MOTOR

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the June 25, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

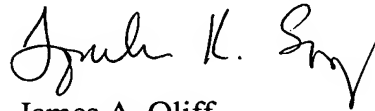
Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,713,906. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith, thereby obviating this ground of rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

The Office Action objects to claims 2-11 as being dependent upon rejected base claim. However, in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith, Applicant submits that base claim 1 is allowable and, accordingly, claims 2-11 are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time
Terminal Disclaimer

Date: November 22, 2004

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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

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Sir:

Your Petitioner, Minebea Co., Ltd., represents that it is the owner of a 100% interest in the above-identified patent application by virtue of an Assignment filed October 8, 2002 and recorded at Reel 013373, Frame 0025. The undersigned also certifies that he is empowered to execute this Terminal Disclaimer on behalf of the assignee.

Your Petitioner hereby disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any Terminal Disclaimer, of U.S. Patent No. 6,713,906 issued March 30, 2004 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said U.S. Patent shall be the same as the legal title to any patent issuing from the above-identified application, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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Our Check No. 160723 in the amount of \$110 is attached in accordance with 37 CFR 1.20(d). The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 15-0461 in the amount necessary to effect filing of this Terminal Disclaimer.

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